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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6759

BILL NUMBER: SB 183

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 26, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Jan 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Vegetation Management by Utilities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Breaux

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires electric utilities to follow certain guidelines when performing vegetation management. It also requires a title insurance company to disclose to a purchaser of residential property any restrictions, including easements or rights-of-way, on the purchaser's use of the property.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC):* This bill could increase the administrative expenditures of the IURC to the extent that the IURC investigates and resolves disputes relating to the tree trimming practices of utilities. The IURC's current level of resources should be sufficient.

Background Information on Tree Trimming Practices: The IURC issued an order in its investigation of electric utility tree trimming practices on November 30, 2010. The order established that the IURC would initiate rule making proceedings to address these issues including customer education, notification, tree replacement and dispute resolution.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IURC.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: IURC; <http://www.in.gov/oucc/2555.htm>

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